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## **Council Member David F. Snyder Elected Northern Virginia Transportation Authority Chair**

FALLS CHURCH, VA. – At its July 8 meeting, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority elected the City's Council Member, the Honorable David F. Snyder as its Chair. Council Member Snyder will serve for one year, with responsibilities including chairing all of NVTa's meetings and having all NVTa resolutions under his signature.

The City's Mayor Daniel E. Gardner designated Council Member Snyder to the NVTa in February, 2003 as he is well versed in the region's transportation initiatives representing City Council on several regional transportation planning agencies, including the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments Transportation Planning Board and the Northern Virginia Transportation Commission, which he previously chaired. He also lead initiatives in linking land use and transportation planning and making the best possible use of existing transportation resources.

Created by the Virginia General Assembly on July 1, 2002, the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority's sixteen-member board comprises Northern Virginia mayors, chairs, or their designees; a member of the House of Delegates appointed by the Speaker of the House; a member of the Senate appointed by the Senate Committee on Privileges and Elections; two citizens who reside in counties and cities and are appointed by the Governor; and the Director of the Virginia Department of Rail and Public Transportation; and the Commonwealth Transportation Commissioner, who serve as non-voting members. The Authority is charged with developing a regional transportation plan, working with Northern Virginia's communities to develop regional priorities and policies to improve air quality, and serving as an advocate for the transportation needs of Northern Virginia before the state and federal governments.

The first resolution of NVTa after Mr. Snyder's appointment addresses the Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority's funding for Metro by calling for the appointment of a "blue ribbon commission" to determine a regionally- dedicated funding source or sources. Another high priority for NVTa is to develop a long- range regional transportation plan with the right mix of all modes of transportation – transit, highways and others – to improve service and help the region best respond to emergency circumstances.

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Council Member Snyder was first elected to City Council in 1994. He served as Mayor from 1998 to 2000, and was reelected to City Council in 2002, serving until 2006.

As Assistant General Counsel for the American Insurance Association, Mr. Snyder specializes in representing property and casualty insurers. His practice includes appellate litigation, administrative law and international trade. He also has held several federal, state and private sector positions in the insurance field and was General Counsel of the Pennsylvania Commerce Department. He is a graduate of the George Washington University Law School and is an active member of the District of Columbia, Pennsylvania and Virginia Bars.

For more information about the Northern Virginia Transportation Authority, visit <http://www.novaregion.org/novatrans/index.html>. For more information on the City of Falls Church City Council, visit <http://www.ci.falls-church.va.us>.

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